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JP '701 is discussed at page 3 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '574 corresponds to JP '701.

JP '231 may be relevant for the reasons summarized in its accompanying English Abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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